

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 18 on page 15 as follows:

The “Greedy Merge Method” is not as computationally intensive as the Exhaustive Search Method and cannot ensure the optimum grouping configuration is found but it usually ~~find~~finds a configuration that is either as good as or nearly as good as the optimum configuration. According to this method, adjacent blocks are combined into groups iteratively while accounting for side cost.